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Lady Plugs In Zoysia Grass Saves Time, Work & Money

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NEW LOW PRICE

By Jack T. Johnson
Agronomist

Every year I watch people pour time and money into lawns that fail them just when they want their lawns the most.

I see them reseed, feed, water, weed and mow, mow, mow! When it turns to hay in midsummer, I feel like calling out, "For Heaven's sake, when are you going to stop throwing money away and switch to Amazoy Zoysia Grass."

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Wonderful? Yes, Amazoy Zoysia Grass IS wonderful! Plant it now and like Mrs. Mitter you'll cut mowing by ⅔...never have another weed problem all summer long the rest of your life!

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If slopes are a problem, plug in Amazoy and let it stop erosion. Or plug it into hard-to-cover spots, playworn areas, etc.

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VIEWPOINT

Filling A Need For New Farm Financing

When Tar Heel voters go to the polls for the primary election on May 8, they'll be confronted with long lists of candidates for various public offices—and a significant proposal for amending the state constitution.

The amendment, which has received little media attention amid all the campaign hoopla, shouldn't be overlooked.

It would authorize the General Assembly to establish the North Carolina Agricultural Financing Agency, which would issue revenue bonds to finance capital growth in agriculture.

In effect, the measure would open up to farmers a tax-exempt financing source along the lines of those that have already been provided for health care facilities, housing, public power facilities and manufacturing and pollution control facilities.

Agricultural projects that would be eligible for this financing include land, buildings, structures and other improvements which are for production, processing, marketing and distribution of any farm products.

Here's how the mechanism would work:

See related story, page 32.

The new agency would sell revenue bonds to investors and the money from these sales would be made available to financial institutions—banks and savings and loans. Those institutions would, in turn, lend the money to eligible borrowers.

"The measure would open up to farmers a tax-exempt financing source along the lines of those that have already been provided for health care facilities, housing, public power facilities and manufacturing and pollution control facilities"

As the borrowers pay back the loans, the agency would pay back the money raised through the issuance of the revenue bonds.

The projects financed in this way would be taxed just as any other private agriculture projects, but the interest paid on the money raised through the bonds would be exempt from state income taxes.

Up to $200 million would be made available to lenders under this arrangement and eligible farmers could borrow up to $500,000 at any one time. Farmer-owned cooperatives would be eligible for credit up to $2 million.

The loans would be secured by borrowers' property, with repayment guaranteed by insurance.

No tax funds would ever be involved in the process—and the taxpayers would never be liable for payback of the bonds.

The point of it all, of course, is to make available to farmers and farmer co-ops a source of loans to supplement the dwindling funds now being offered by lenders for these purposes.

As that money is put to work making many North Carolina farms more efficient and more productive, the process would ultimately translate into more economical food prices for the consumer.

You can help make all that possible by casting your ballot FOR the constitutional amendment.

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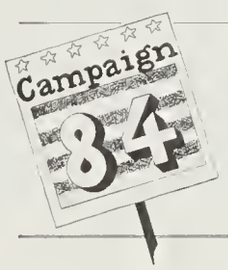

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COMMENTARY

EMC Investments Put Idle Money To Work

This editorial was written by Eugene W. Brown Jr., manager of Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation, Rich Square. It is reprinted from the EMC's monthly consumer newsletter.

"The co-op has money to invest? But isn't it a non-profit organization? If that is true, how does it get funds to invest?

"Why not immediately give any excess funds to the membership so as to help with those high electric bills and truly be non-profit?"

Such questions as these are perfectly legitimate—AND there are legitimate answers for them.

"When funds are on hand even for short times, the co-op is responsible to its members to avail itself of every tool and opportunity to use that money to best advantage for the membership"

Yes, your EMC is a non-profit corporation. Yes, it does regularly obtain and invest member monies. And while such investment returns are not immediately returned to the membership, that interest is used to offset a like amount of the monthly electric bill members would have to pay if these funds were merely allowed to remain in the bank without interest until needed.

Here's how your cooperative handles cash management and makes short-term investments: It pays operating costs on a monthly basis. Of course, the largest of these is the monthly wholesale power bill (currently ranging between $400,000 to $600,000 for Roanoke EMC), which is due near month's end.

As you members pay your individual electric bills, the co-op begins to accumulate those funds so as to thereafter pay its own bills. From the time your payments are accumulated each month until its bills must be paid, the co-op periodically makes U.S. government-backed, short-term investments—primarily certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements—and uses the interest earned to help pay operating expenses.

In practice, these investments range from one to thirty-one days in length, depending upon what cash management needs dictate.

Now a one-day investment may sound mighty short, but just think, $100,000 for one day at 8% interest amounts to $21.92. Then remember this: someone is going to invest that money! Why shouldn't it be the cooperative?

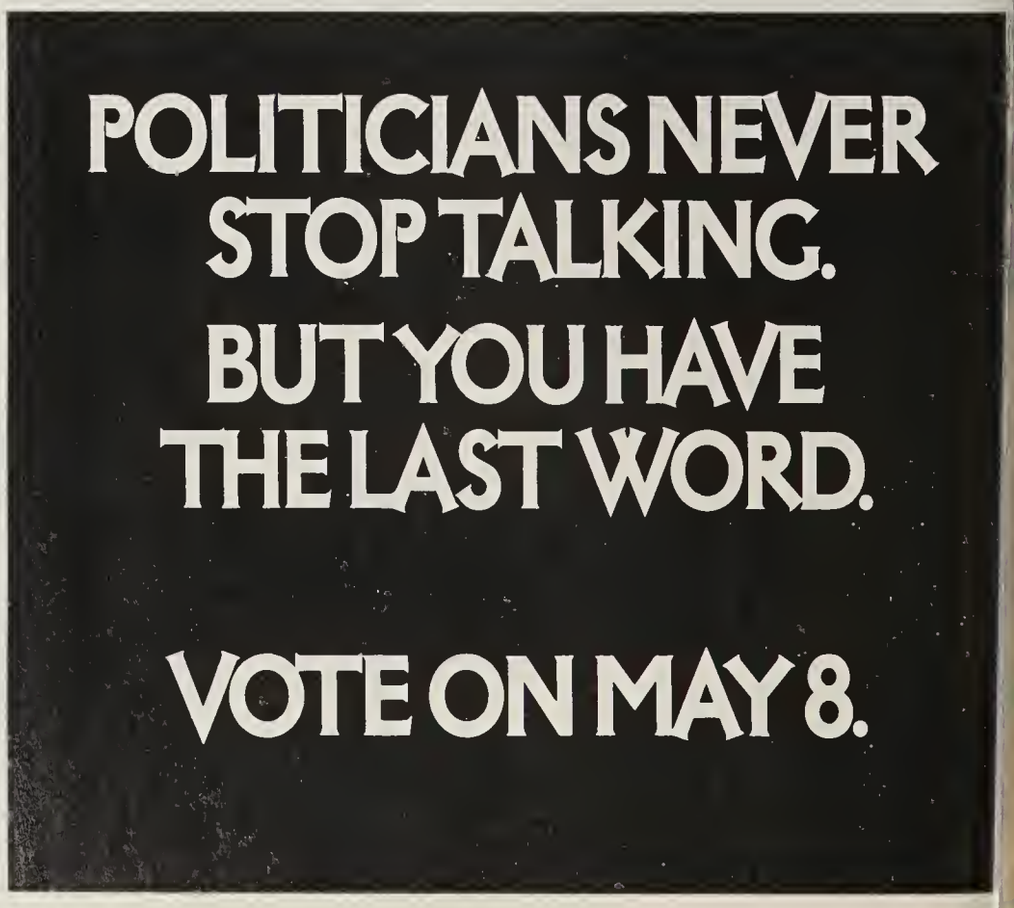
Your EMC's board, management and staff responsibility in this area can be likened to that of the servants in Jesus' parable who were given five, two and one talents respectively. Just as each of them was responsible to "make something on that which he was given," so are we!

It must be emphasized that your cooperative is not a "Fat Cat" with lots of money. However, when funds are on hand even for short times it is responsible to its members to avail itself of every tool and opportunity to use that money to best advantage for the membership.

Cash management is one of those tools and prudent investments are a part of good cash management.

Just as it is true for every other decision, all investment decisions are made with the best interest of the co-op membership in mind.

To do less in cash management would be to betray the trust you members place in us, just as much so as it would be if we did less than our best to maintain your electric utility system.



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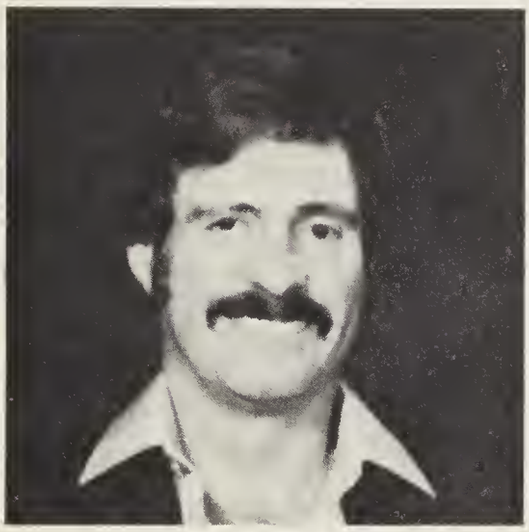

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Missouri Man To Take FCX Helm

Jack R. Taylor of Lexington, Mo., has been selected by the board of directors to become president and general manager of FCX, Inc., effective July 1.

He will succeed Marvin McClam, who is retiring June 30 after serving as chief executive officer of the two-state farmer cooperative since 1973.

Taylor will become affiliated with FCX May 1 with the title of president and general manager-elect. In the two months before taking charge, he will visit FCX operations across the two Carolinas to become acquainted with employees, members and facilities.

A 1953 graduate of the University of Missouri with a degree in agricultural economics, Taylor served from 1958 to 1976 in various executive capacities with Farmland Industries of Kansas City, the nation's largest farmer cooperative.

From 1976 to 1983, he was with Mattingly Stores, Inc. of Lexington, Mo., a private, regional retail variety and mass merchandising chain with sales of $44 million and 1200 employees. He was chairman and president from 1979 to 1983.

After the sale of this chain last year, he has been a private consultant to various companies, mainly in the area of managerial information systems.

McClam, the retiring president, has been with FCX since 1948. Since assuming his present office, the cooperative's annual gross sales have risen from $161 million in 1973 to $503 million in 1983.

Home Folks

Five men will be inducted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame on April 15. They are **Burke Davis**, former editor of the *Charlotte News* and author of more than 40 books; the late **Gerald W. Johnson**, who rose to prominence as an editorial writer for the Baltimore *Sunpapers* after starting his career on Tar Heel newspapers; **William C. Lassiter**, who has served as counsel to the N.C. Press Association since 1983; **Sam Ragan**, editor and publisher of *The Southern Pines Pilot* and **Eugene Roberts**, executive editor of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* . . . . . **Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.** has been presented with a National Conservation Award from the National Wildlife Federation . . . . . **Pamela W. Bridges**, a first grade teacher at the Henry Adams Elementary School in Cary, has been named Young Educator of the Year by the N.C. Jaycees . . . . . **N. David Smith**, director of the Standards Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture, has been selected to chair a national task force of the National Conference on Weights and Measures that will identify resources available for developing uniformity in the regulation of motor fuels . . . . . **Dr. Robert C. Wells**, associate director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, has been named Man of the Year by the N.C. Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. Wells was cited for his educational programs in estate planning and the legal aspects of farming. . . . . **Billy W. Trevathan** of Rt. 1, Tarboro, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation, Tarboro, to fill the vacancy created by the recent retirement of C. W. Mayo of Rt. 1, Tarboro . . . . . **Walton Dennis**, executive secretary of both the N.C. Pesticide Association and the N.C. Plant Food Association, has been named the 1983 Friennd of Agriculture by the N.C. Department of Agriculture. The agency also named **Robert T. Teague Jr.**, assistant state chemist with the department's Food and Drug Protection Division, as the NCDA's 1983 Employee of the Year.

400th Anniversary TV Spots Scheduled

The University of North Carolina Center for Public Television will mark the beginning of the state's 400th Anniversary by broadcasting a series of one-minute docudramas.

The series, focusing on the adventures of the first English settlers on Roanoke Island, is titled "We Remember: North Carolina 400th Historic Minutes."

Its narrator is Andy Griffith of Manteo, the Tar Heel actor who made his debut in The Lost Colony, a play about those English settlers.

The spots will begin running on Easter Sunday, April 22 and will run periodically throughout the next few months and during special commemorative periods over the next three years.

In addition, the public television network will join commercial stations in broadcasting a 25-minute special live from Plymouth, England, on April 27. That show will cover ceremonies marking the harbor in honor of the men and women who left there in 1584 to colonize the New World.

Three Men Honored With NCSU Medals

North Carolina State University has presented its highest non-academic award to a retired dairy executive, the executive vice-president of the North Carolina Agribusiness Council and the board chairman of Raleigh's News and Observer Publishing Co.

The university presented Wataguga Medals to M. Edmund Aycock of the Agribusiness Council, James D. Kilgore, retired chairman of the board of Pine State Creamery and Frank A. Daniels of the newspaper publishing company.

The medals are named for the

Watauga Club, which was instrumental in persuading the 1887 General Assembly to establish the school that later became NCSU.

400th Anniversary Flotilla Now Filled

There is no room for more yachts in America's 400th Anniversary Flotilla, according to 400th staff members coordinating the event. Some 100 boats have been registered to participate in the flotilla, which will enter Manteo harbor Saturday, July 14, led by newsman Walter Cronkite. Unfortunately, the harbor is not large enough to hold additional vessels, the flotilla's coordinators said.

"We're really pleased that so many people want to be involved," said John D. Neville, executive director of America's 400th Anniversary Committee. "We only regret that we can't include more boats."

For more information on 400th Anniversary events, contact America's 400th Anniversary Committee, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611, telephone (919) 733-4788.

Cover: A Smoky Mountain Thrush

Our cover photo of a thrush was taken by Alan Westmoreland, associate photographer with K. D. Zotter Photography in Raleigh, during a hiking trip in the Smoky Mountains several years ago.

Westmoreland said he and his wife spotted the bird while hiking on a trail near Cade's Cove, Tenn.

Tornado Victims' Top Priority Need: Money

Money.

That's what can do the most good now to help the Eastern North Carolina victims of the tornados that swept through the state in late March.

"We've just been flooded with clothes," said a spokesman for the state's emergency relief coordinating team." These people need money more than anything else. And it's far more easily transferred than other gifts."

The Salvation Army chapters across the state are continuing to accept gifts of clothing, food and cash while the American Red Cross is accepting only cash contributions.

Gifts to the Red Cross can be made to local chapters or to a central relief fund at P.O. Box 14405, Raleigh, N.C. 27620.

The cash gifts can be designated for use in a particular county.

Meanwhile, individuals who want to lend a hand with the relief program can call a Volunteer Hotline to offer their services.

That number for in-state callers is 1-800-662-7952. For out-of-state callers, it's (919) 733-2391.

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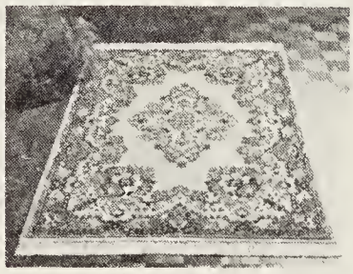
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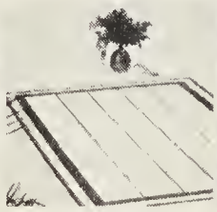
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Elizabeth City Sets RiverSpree May 11-13

RiverSpree '84, a three-day celebration of life along the Pasquotank River, is expected to bring more than 15,000 visitors to Elizabeth City's shores May 11-13 for old-timey music, games and special events.

The principal attraction of the water and street festival is expected to be the RiverSpree Showboat, a facade replica of the old James Adams Floating Theatre, once a regular visitor to Elizabeth City and the inspiration for Edna Ferber's well-known novel, *Showboat.*

Musicians and entertainers are scheduled to perform showboat tunes of the 1920s in a style that would make old timers feel right at home. Three other entertainment stages positioned around the festival area will offer country, jazz, folk and ethnic music as well as ballet, clogging, square dancing and puppetry.

City streets will be closed to traffic and lined with displays of artists and craftsmen. Activities scheduled for this third annual celebration, include a tug-of-war, an antique car show, nightly fireworks and a "Anything-That'll-Float-But-A-Boat Race" which is expected to bring sailing novices to test their ingenuity in racing tubs, tanks and tires across the water.

For more information, contact Ms. Mary Livengood, Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 426, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909 or call (919) 335-4365.

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EMC Directors Re-elected

Nine incumbent directors have been re-elected to the boards of three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent co-op annual meetings:

- **South River EMC,** Dunn—Re-elected were Leroy Autry of Rt. 2, Autryville; Harvey Flowers of Rt. 2, Four Oaks and Kyle Harrington of Rt. 1, Broadway.
- **Wake EMC,** Wake Forest—Re-elected were Roy Ed Jones of Rt. 3, Wake Forest; Roger L. Moss of Rt. 1, Kittrell and Russell L. Peele of Rt. 1, Middlesex.
- **Jones-Onslow EMC,** Jacksonville—Re-elected were Hugh L. Batts of Rt. 1, Hampstead, Archie Horne of Rt. 2, Beaulaville and H. G. Phillips of Jacksonville.

Wilmington Slates Arts Celebration

Nearly 30 concerts, performances and lectures featuring nationally-known artists will be part of the 1984 St. Thomas Celebration of the Arts, April 27-May 7 in Wilmington.

Noted jazz musician Herbie Mann will appear April 27 while the Frank Holder Dance Company will perform April 28, with both events scheduled for 8 p.m. in historic Thalian Hall.

The National Opera Company's production of Mozart's *Cosi Fan Tutte* is scheduled in the hall Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m.

The North Carolina Jazz Festival, featuring various jazz greats, will offer performances at the Hilton Inn May 4 at 8 p.m. and May 5 at 9 p.m.

An attraction of particular interest to children is the Flying Lemon Circus, which will perform at Riverfront Park May 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Immediately following this event, The Road Company will present a family musical, *Gold Dust.*

For more information about these and other celebration events, write to The Arts Council of The Lower Cape Fear, Inc., P.O. Box 212, Wilmington, N.C. 28402 or call (919) 763-2787.

Use Caution In Handling Automated Teller Cards

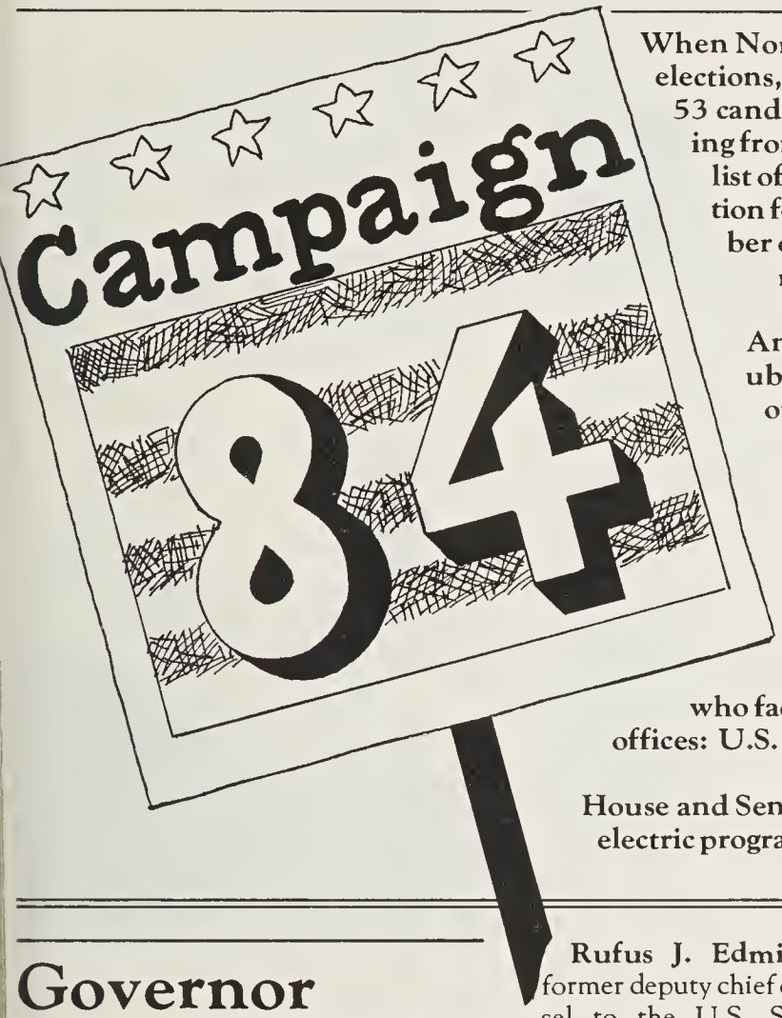
A lost automated teller machine card can be costly, says Thelma Hinson, extension family resource management specialist, N.C. State University.

If a card is lost or stolen and the owner notifies the issuer within two business days of learning of the loss, he or she is liable for only $50 of charges incurred.

However, this liability can jump to $500 if more than two days go by, Dr. Hinson said.

"You can even face unlimited liability if you wait more than 60 days after receiving a statement that shows unauthorized use of your card."

As a result, bank statements should be checked the day they are received.



When North Carolina voters go to the polls for the May 8 primary elections, they'll be facing an abundance of choices. No fewer than 53 candidates are seeking nominations for 14 major posts, ranging from a U.S. Senate seat to Labor Commissioner. The longest list of candidates will be that for the Democratic Party nomination for Governor, with 10 names on the ballot. Given the number of candidates, political observers believe a run-off will be required to narrow that field to a single candidate for the fall election.

Another crowded entry will be the candidates for the Republican Party nomination for Lt. Governor. Four men and one woman are competing for the right to take on the Democrats' standard-bearer in November.

In addition, Democratic voters will choose from among three candidates for that party's U.S. Senate, Lt. Governor and Labor Commissioner nominations.

The remaining contests involve one-on-one confrontations between two candidates.

In this special primary election section, Carolina Country **presents brief biological profiles of the candidates who face primary opposition in vying for nominations for these offices: U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Governor and Lieutenant Governor.**

House and Senate candidates' views on a proposal to stabilize the rural electric program's financing mechanism are presented in a report starting on page 26.

Governor

Democrat

J. D. Whaley of Dover did not respond.

J. A. (Andy) Barker of Love Valley has served seven terms as mayor of the town he developed in 1954 and which became incorporated in 1963. Active in civic affairs. Founded the Chickasaw Horse Association and the Southern Rodeo Association and is one of the founders of the Carolina Gun Collectors Association.

Lt. Gov. James C. (Jimmy) Green of Raleigh, who has been in public life for nearly 30 years, is the only Lieutenant Governor in North Carolina history to win re-election. Former member, State Senate. Served seven terms in State House, including one as Speaker. Co-Chairman, N.C. Governmental Operations Committee. Southern Region Chairman of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors. Former member, Bladen County Board of Education. Successful farmer, owning tobacco warehouses in three states.

Rufus J. Edmisten, former deputy chief counsel to the U.S. Senate Watergate Committee, has served three consecutive terms as North Carolina Attorney General. Former counsel, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. Former chief counsel and staff director, Senate Subcommittee on Separation of Powers. Law degree, George Washington University.

D. M. (Lauch) Faircloth, a Clinton businessman and lifelong farmer, is a former N.C. Secretary of Commerce. Former chairman, N.C. Highway Commission. During his term as Commerce Secretary, the state experienced record growth and a strong increase in tourism.

Thomas O. (Tom) Gilmore of Juilian, former deputy secretary of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, is a successful landscape contractor and nurseryman. Served three terms in State House. Former Chairman, House Election Laws Committee. Vice-President, Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc. Former president, N.C. Young Democrats. Winner of Guilford County's "Most Outstanding Farmer" Award in 1969.

R. L. Hannon of Greensboro, a former college professor and administrator, is chief consultant for Dr. Bob's Mobile Associates, a Greensboro fund-raising and consulting firm specializing in colleges. Former Chairman, Social and Behavorial Science Division of Rust College. Former Director of Development and University Relations, Fayetteville State University. Former professor at Alcorn State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Rust College, Eastern Michigan University and Morris College. Former Rockingham County Agricultural Extension Agent. Former Director, Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service for the U.S. Department of Interior in the Virgin Islands.

John Ingram of Raleigh, who ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in 1978, has been N.C. Commissioner of Insurance since 1972. Former member, State House of Representatives. Chairman of Zone II of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Chairman of NAIC's Auto-

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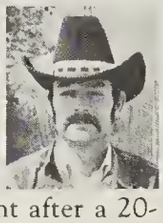
mobile Insurance Subcommittee. Has testified before several congressional committees pushing reforms in the insurance industry. Law degree, UNC-CH.

H. Edward (Eddie) Knox of Charlotte, a former state senator, was mayor of Charlotte, the state's largest city, from 1979 to 1984. Former chairman, N.C. Advisory Budget Commission and the N.C. Commission on Correctional Programs. Former member, N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Former co-chairman, Boys Town Board of Trustees. Member, Johnson C. Smith University Board of Visitors. Law degree, Wake Forest University.

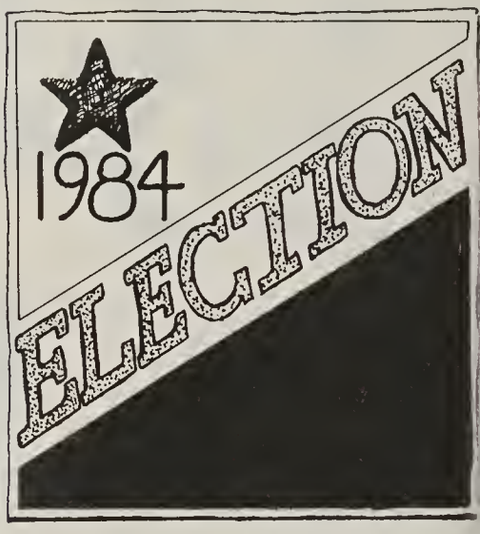


Glenn Miller of Angier, a former Green Beret, is a farmer and leader of the Carolina Knights of the Klu Klux Klan. Retired from Army in 1979 as a Master Sergeant after a 20-year career.

Republican

Mrs. Ruby T. Hooper of Morganton, director of food services at Broughton Hospital for 29 years, is a Nutrition, Dietary and Food Sanitation Consultant. Lost a bid for a State House seat two years ago. Chairman, Burke County Republican Party. Former N.C. "Dietitian of the Year." Winner of N.C. Public Health Association "Distinguished Service Award." Former president, N.C. Dietetic Association. Chairman, Burke County Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee.

U.S. Rep. James G. Martin of Iredell County, a former college chemistry professor, is serving his sixth term in Congress. Senior member of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Former chairman, Republican Task Force on Health. Former member, House Budget Committee. Former chairman, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners and formerly president, N.C. Association of County Commissioners. Won "Watchdog of the Treasury" award from the National Associated Businessmen, "Guardian of Small Business" award from the National Federation of Independent Business and the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Americans for Constitutional Action.



Lieutenant Governor

Democrat

Stephen S. Miller of Fayetteville has withdrawn.

State Sen. Bob Jordan of Mt. Gilead, owner of a successful lumber business, has been in public life since an early age. Elected to four terms in State Senate, where he chairs the Base Budget Committee and serves on Ways and Means, Rules, Finance, Insurance and State Government Committees. Served 11 years on Mt. Gilead town board and 10 years as Chairman of Montgomery County Planning Board. Served 10 years on Board of Trustees of Consolidated University of North Carolina. Former president , N.C. Forestry Foundation and Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association. Member of N.C. 2000 Commission. Former vice-president, N.C. Young Democrats.

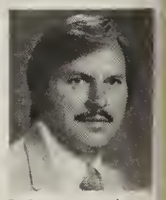
Carl J. Stewart Jr. of Gastonia, former Speaker of the State House, has been in public life for nearly two decades. Served seven terms in the State House, including two as Speaker. Former Chairman, House on Banks and Banking, and Appropriations Committee. Former Vice-Chairman, House Advisory Budget Commission. Gastonia "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" in 1965. Member of several important committees and commissions, including Council on the Status of Women, Southern Regional Education Board and N.C. Humanities Committee. Law degree, Duke.

Republican

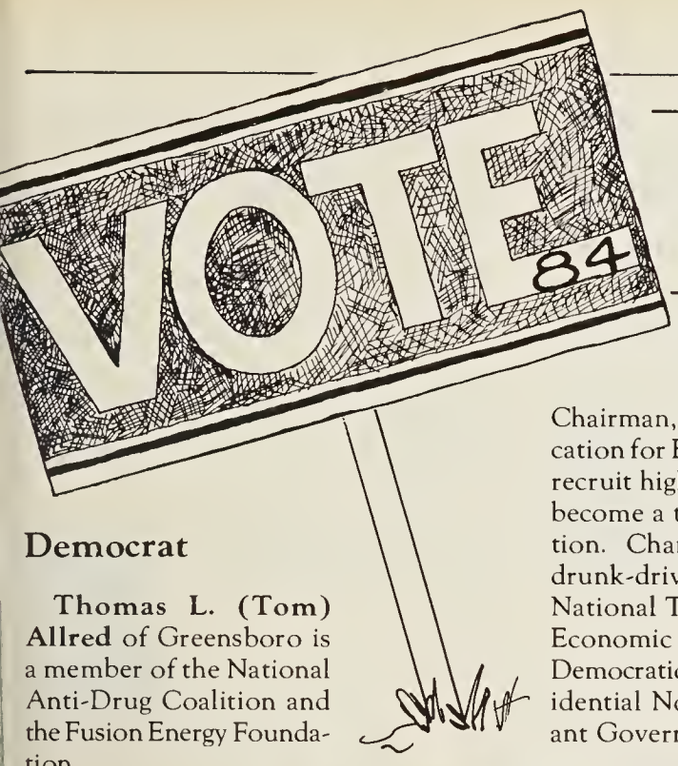
Franklin Jordan of Rockingham and **Erick P. Little** of Cary did not respond.

John H. Carrington of Raleigh, former aircraft instrument engineer and flight test analyst, is president and chief executive officer of the Sirchie Group of Raleigh, a manufacturing firm specializing in police and crime detection equipment.

Barbara S. Perry of Kinston, a former member of the N.C. Board of Transportation, is a member of the Lenoir County Republican Party Executive Committee and has played an active role in several Republican campaigns in North Carolina in recent years. Former law professor, Lenoir Community College. Unsuccessful candidate for District Judge in 1968. Former assistant judge in Recorder's Court. Member of Kinston law firm. Law degree, UNC-CH.



William S. (Bill) Hiatt of Mount Airy, Chairman of the Fifth Congressional District Republican Executive Committee, teaches high school and is part owner of a Mount Airy construction firm. Served two terms in State House. Former Chairman, N.C. Library Board. Former member, N.C. Recycling, Reclaimation and Litter Control Board. Active in local civic affairs



U.S. Senate

Democrat

Thomas L. (Tom) Allred of Greensboro is a member of the National Anti-Drug Coalition and the Fusion Energy Foundation.

Gov. James B. (Jim) Hunt, Jr. of Raleigh, the only North Carolina governor ever elected to two consecutive four-year terms, is making his first bid for a U.S. Senate seat. Former Chairman, National Task Force on Education for Economic Growth. Efforts to recruit high-tech industry to state have become a trademark of his administration. Championed nation's toughest drunk-driving laws. Former chairman, National Task Force on Education for Economic Growth. Former chairman, Democratic Party's Commission on Presidential Nomination. Former Lieutenant Governor. Law degree, UNC-CH.

Harrill Jones of Gastonia, a real estate investor, has been active in human and civil rights issues. Built a small investment into sizable holdings in Gaston County over the years since serving as state and national President of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) in high school.

Republican

George Wimbish of Charlotte did not respond.

U.S. Senator Jesse A. Helms of Raleigh, former TV commentator, is seeking his fourth term in the Senate. Chairman of Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. Also Chairman of Senate Steering Committee. Ranking Republican on Foreign Relations Committee and chairs its Subcommittee on Western Hemispheric Affairs. Member, Select Committee on Ethics, Former Raleigh City Councilman. Former administrative assistant to two U.S. Senators. Former Executive Director of the N.C. Bankers Association. Former city editor, The *Raleigh Times*. Also active for many years in civic affairs.

U.S. House of Representatives

First District

Democrat

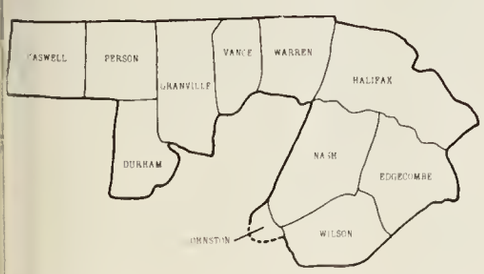
John B. Gilliam of Windsor did not respond.

U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville, a former mayor of Farmville, served a term in the State Senate and three terms in the State House before his election to Congress. Elected to 10 consecutive terms in Congress. Now serving as Chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Also serves on House Agricultural Committee and as senior member of its Tobacco and Peanuts Subcommittee. Former trustee, UNC-CH and Campbell College.

Republican

Herbert W. Lee of Greenville and **Gene Leggett** of Emerald Isle did not respond.

Second District



Democrat

Kenneth B. Spaulding of Durham did not respond.

U.S. Rep. I.T. (Tim) Valentine of Nashville, former legal advisor to former Gov. Dan Moore, is seeking his second term in Congress. Member of House Public Works and Transportation Committee and its Aviation and Economic Development Subcommittees. Also serves on Science and Technology Committee and its Subcommittee on Energy Research and Production. Served three terms in State House, where he chaired the House Judiciary Committee II. Former chairman, N.C. Democratic Executive Committee. Former president, Nashville Chamber of Commerce. Law degree, UNC-CH.

Fourth District

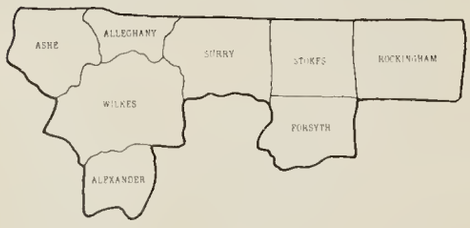
Democrat

U.S. Rep. Ike Andrews is seeking his sixth consecutive term in Congress. Member of the House Committee on Education and Labor and Chairman of its subcommittee on Human Resources. Also member of subcommittees on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education and Post-Secondary Education. Before election to Congress he served a term in the State Senate and three terms in the State House, where he served as Speaker Pro Tem and Majority Leader. Former Siler City "Young Man of the Year." Law degree, UNC-CH.

Howard N. Lee of Chapel Hill, who in 1969 became the first black mayor of a predominately white municipality in the South, is making his second bid for a congressional seat after a narrow defeat in 1972. Also lost bid for lieutenant governor's seat in 1976, finishing first in Democratic primary but losing in run-off. Former instructor at Duke and UNC. Served three terms as mayor of Chapel Hill. Former Secretary of N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources and Community Development. Former national committeeman and first vice-chairman, Democratic Party. Development Officer for the National Child Welfare Leadership Center. Former board member, National Association of Social Workers and National Day Care Council.

John Winters Jr. is a Raleigh real estate developer.

Fifth District



Democrat

Wallace B. Ray of Winston-Salem did not respond.

U.S. Rep. Stephen L. Neal, of Winston-Salem, a former newspaper publisher and mortgage banker, is seeking his sixth consecutive term in Congress. Chairman of the International Trade, Investment and Monetary Policy Subcommittee of House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee. Member, Congressional Rural Caucus.

Sixth District

Republican

State Rep. Howard Coble, former secretary of the N.C. Department of Revenue, is a former assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District. Member, Greensboro law firm. Former assistant Guilford County attorney. Former N.C. co-chairman, American Legislative Exchange Council. Law degree, UNC-CH.

Walter C. Cockerham of Greensboro, a former State Senator, is a successful businessman and former member of the City Council. During two terms in State Senate, he served on several important committees, including Higher Education, Banking, Economy, Judiciary II, Law Enforcement and Crime Control, Ways and Means And Base Budget and Appropriations Committees. Former Chairman, Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission. Chairman, Speakers Bureau for Employers' Support of National Guard and Reserves. Member, U.S. Interior Dept. Advisory Council on Historical Preservation. Founder, Gateway Bank. Member, State Republican Party Executive Committee.

Seventh District

Democrat

Tommie Dial of Pembroke did not respond.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Rose of Fayetteville, a recognized expert in North Carolina agriculture, is seeking his seventh consecutive term in Congress. Chairman of House Agriculture Subcommittee on Tobacco and Peanuts. Also a member of the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry and the Subcommittee on Cotton, Rice and Sugar. Founder, Congressional Clearinghouse on the Future and a co-founder of the Congressional Rural Caucus. Delegate to the North Atlantic Assembly, a parliamentary group of representatives from NATO countries. Founder, Policy Group on Information and Computers for the House Administration Committee. Former Chief District Court prosecutor, 12th Judicial District. Law degree, UNC-CH.

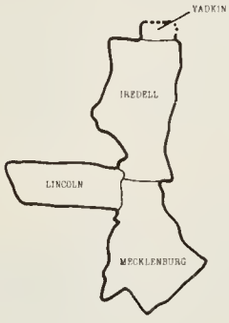
Eighth District

Democrat

Leonard T. Tyson of Rockingham did not respond.

U.S. Rep. W. G. (Bill) Hefner of Kannapolis, a Democratic party leader in recent years, is seeking his sixth consecutive term in Congress. Member of House Budget Committee and Chairman of Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction. Also member of Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Former member, Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and former House majority zone whip. Former member, Harvesters Quartet.

Ninth District



Democrat

Susan P. Green of Charlotte, a former English professor at NCSU and Central Piedmont Community College, is serving her second term on the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners. Vice-Chairman, Taxation and Finance Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties. Former Conciliator for U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Active in Charlotte National Organization for Women (NOW), Charlotte Women's Political Caucus and Mecklenburg Young Democrats.

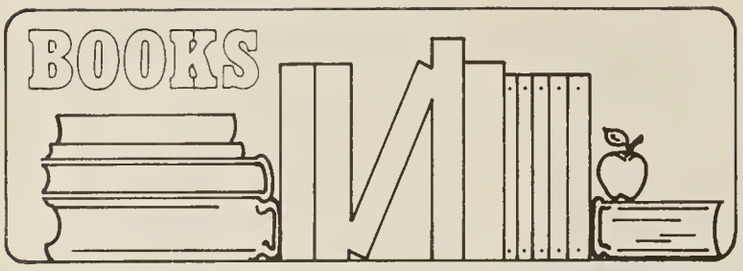
D. G. Martin of Charlotte, a former high school teacher, is a partner in a Charlotte law firm. Former Democratic Party precinct chairman. Former vice-chairman, Charlotte Civil Service Board. Former trustee, Charlotte Nature Museum. Former board member, Charlotte chapter of National Conference of Christians and Jews. Former assistant dean of students, Davidson College. Law degree, Yale.

Benjamin T. Tison III of Charlotte has served five consecutive terms in the State House. Elected to the State Senate in 1982. Vice-president for industrial development, NCNB National Bank. Board member, N.C. Heart Association, N.C. United Community Services and the Charlotte Nature Museum. Trustee, Myers Park Foundation. Board member, University Research Park, Aldrich Machine Works, Fletcher Learning Development Center and State Capitol Foundation, Inc. Law degree, UNC-CH.

Republican

J. Alex McMillan of Charlotte did not respond.

Carl (Buddy) Horn of Charlotte, former legal counsel and law professor at Wheaton College, left a post as Special Assistant in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department to return to his Charlotte home to run for Congress. Former general counsel and board member, Christian Legal Society. Worked with Charlotte law firm before leaving to teach law. Law degree, University of South Carolina.



Humor Of A Country Lawyer by Sam J. Ervin, Jr., University of North Carolina Press. 212 pages. $12.95.

For the thousands of North Carolinians who know "Senator Sam" and have probably heard him speak, you can appraise this book in a single sentence: It has a bumper crop of the type of stories you have come to expect from the author. It's pure Sam Ervin.

But for the scattered few who have probably heard of this 87-year-old Morganton lawyer, but have never heard him personally, perhaps you need a few details.

Sam Ervin has an excellent memory and a genuine sense of humor. In this book he combines the two to bring us stories the way they used to be told. It makes for good reading, along with many appreciative chuckles and an occasional guffaw.

Take the one about a young man employed for cemetery work. The boss caught him laughing at a tombstone. The boss told him this was no laughing matter. The youth replied that the stone had a legend "Not dead, but sleeping."

Then he commented, still laughing, "He ain't fooling nobody but himself."

The book has jokes about religion ("A Presbyterian is a shallow-water Baptist") and lawyers (one lawyer did not want earth burial, so he bought a marble mausoleum. But a farmer called it defective; it didn't have a fire escape).

The senator even has a World War II story that tells how Colonel (Doggie) Hatcher of Morganton captured Franz von Papen, a key aide to Adolph Hitler. The colonel told the Morganton Kiwanis Club that von Papen was actually captured by a buck private, who didn't know what to do with such an eminent Nazi. So, as the story goes, the private sent for the corporal. The corporal sent for the sergeant. The sergeant sent for the lieutenant, who sent for the captain, who sent for the major. The major sent for Colonel Hatcher, and Colonel Hatcher sent for the photographer.

As I said, it's pure Sam Ervin.

But it's not all funny stories. Toward the end there is considerable "coverage" of the Watergate investigation and Senator Ervin's committee to investigate that affair.

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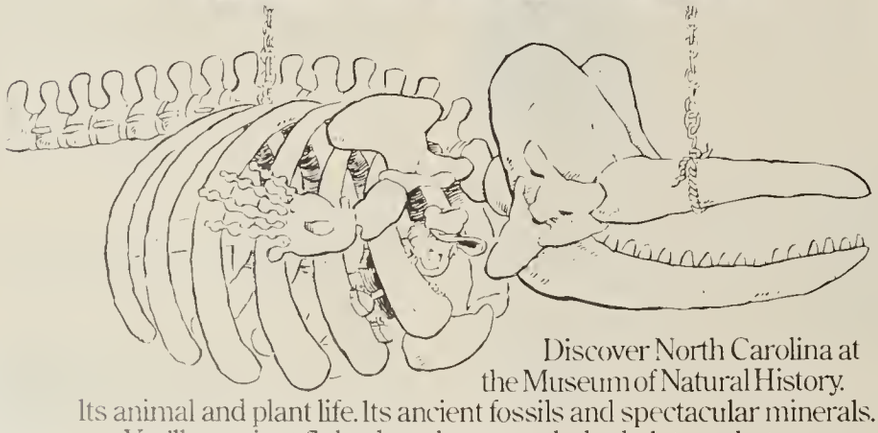

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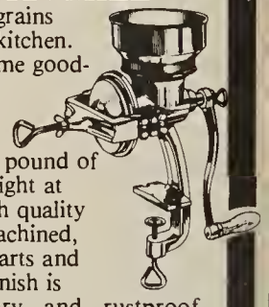

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A radio-controlled airplane demonstration, an electric show from the Discovery Place in Charlotte and a tour of Chinqua-Penn Plantation are also scheduled, according to Robert McLymore, extension safety specialist at North Carolina State University.

The cost of the camp is $75, which includes lodging, meals, insurance, transportation, and other camp expenses.

Attendance at the Electricity and New Technology Camp is limited to 150 youngsters.

A limited number of volunteer 4-H leaders and other adults will attend camp free but they will be expected to serve as special interest project leaders in electricity when they return home.

The camp is sponsored by the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service at N.C. State University in cooperation with Carolina Power and Light Co., Duke Power Co., Virginia Electric and Power Co., and Nantahala Power and Light Co.

Additional information and applications can be obtained from county extension agents or from Robert McLymore, NCSU, Box 7625, Raleigh, NC 27695-7625 (phone 919-737-2675).

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11	Harkers Island, Harkers Island	Registration: 7:15 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Harkers Island Elementary School
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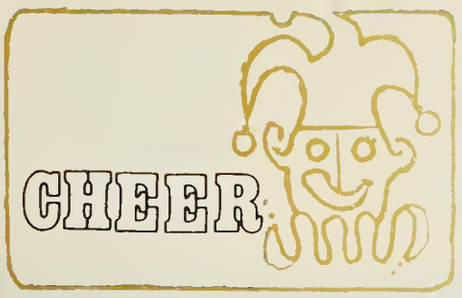

The old Milwaukee Brewers had a pitcher named Mel Faimey. He was having a good outing one hot, humid late July day, when a fan slipped him a beer between innings. Subsequently, Mel had several more beers, and his pitching became erratic. By the late innings, he'd completely lost control, and walked several batters to give the opposing team the victory.

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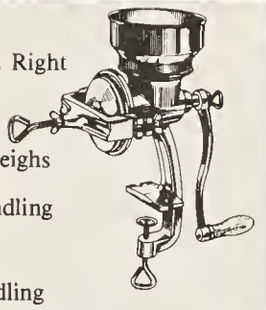

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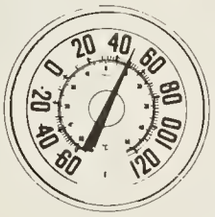

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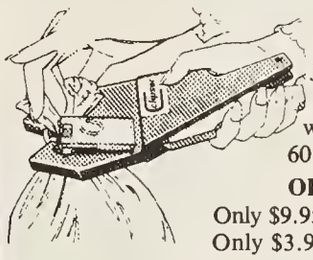

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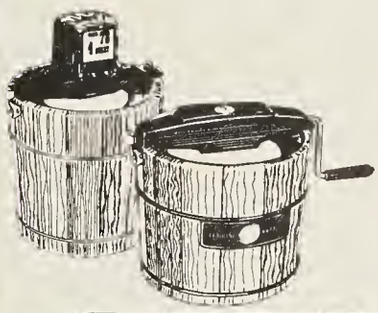

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Submitted by Mrs. Carol B. Powell of Winston-Salem

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- 2 c. chopped bananas
- 1 c. chopped nuts
- 2 c. miniature marshmallows
- 1 lg. can crushed pineapple (drained)
- ½ c. reserved pineapple juice
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 2 T. flour
- 1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 sm. container whipped topping
- 3 T. coconut (optional)

Dissolve gelatin in water and let partially jell. Add next four ingredients and let congeal until firm. Combine pineapple juice, sugar and flour an cook slowly until thickened, stirring constantly. Add cream cheese. Stir until smooth.

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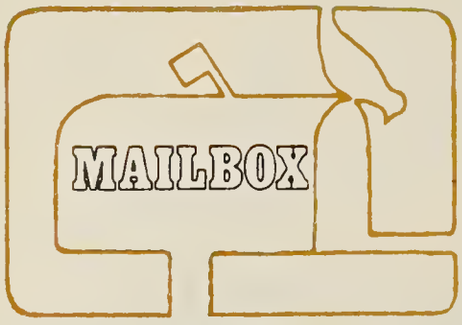

Thanks For "Helpful, Informative Magazine"

Thank you so much for the *Carolina Country* magazine. I love the beautiful covers. On page 26 of the February issue was a letter titled "A Sad Illustration." I think we have to keep in mind that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." We are not all professionals, but we can still see beauty if we look for it. Thanks again for the helpful, informative magazine.

Mrs. Cecil Wellman
Rt. 3, Lawndale

November Cover Photo: "A Beautiful Picture"

An Open Letter To Charles William Holland, Raleigh, N.C.:

Concerning your "sad" little letter about the November cover photo: Sir, I think it is a beautiful picture. As any quilter will tell you, the "very dizzy" background is a very, very beautiful quilt. I don't know about your skills as a baker but as a photographer you don't seem to be very observant. In case no one has told you, quilting is one of the country's oldest art forms.

Incidentally, the brown cup-shaped object with a knob on top is a butter press.

Carolyn B. McCann
Rt. 1, Roaring River

Telephone Series Packaged As " A Real 'Cover Story'"

I'd like to tell you how impressed I am with the January and February issues of *Carolina Country*. Your two-part series on "The Telephone Industry Shake-Up" is packaged as an attractive, professional and useful point of reference for consumers worried about what deregulation will do to their telephone bills. The use of local examples in your analysis of the industry's "new look" in Part II is sure to answer many of the questions your readers undoubtedly have about new charges, legislation and what the future of the industry will cost them . . . . . Your play of the issue impressed me as a real "cover story," one that your readers will refer to in the coming months during debate over the controversy in Congress and in the North Carolina legislature.

This kind of package is one that will enhance the image of co-ops by demonstrating what they are all about—service to consumers.

Keep up the great work.

Paul Wesslund,
Manager
Statewide Publications Services
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"Thanks For Your Continuing Interest" In Cultural Affairs

Many thanks for your February issue—even if you did have trouble with your new computer!

We appreciate very much your carrying our story on Walter Cronkite's leading the flotilla during the 400th anniversary observance; the story on Gov. James B. Hunt's presentation of the medal at Arlington National Cemetery, and the story on the new exhibits at the N.C. Museum of Art.

We are very pleased that the readers of *Carolina Country* will know of these programs and can take advantage of the opportunities they present.

Thank you again for your continuing interest in the programs and services of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Peggy Howe
N.C. Department of Cultural Resources
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Magazine Carries "Lots Of Interesting, Helpful Articles"

I enjoy your *Carolina Country* magazine very much. There are lots of interesting and helpful articles in it. The covers are very beautiful and I enjoy reading where the pictures were made and other details.

Daphne Andrews
Rt. 3, Hillsborough

"Mankind Could Take A Lesson From The Birds"

I just finished reading "Can Bluebirds Count?" in the March issue of *Carolina Country*. I must say it is the greatest little story I've read in a long time. Yes, I fully agree with Mr. McKinney that mankind could take a lesson from the beautiful birds we enjoy so much. Let us start today to put it in practice. Let us do good unto others.

I like the Cheer column and Mailbox very much.

Dorothy M. Athan
Mocksville

"I Thought Editors Were Supposed To Be Neutral"

I always thought that editors were supposed to be neutral, but I have been noticing for a long time now that they seem to favor Democrats. (Your) January issue, page 3, Robin Britt; page six, James B. Hunt, Jr. I do not enjoy reading anything about any Democrat.

Norman Brown
Rt. 1, Biscoe

Magazine Provides "Pleasurable, Informational, Helpful Readings"

We certainly do enjoy *Carolina Country* magazine each month. When it comes, I open it up and read every word, look at the front cover. What beauty for we humans to enjoy!

In the March issue, the story by Heyward H. McKinney, "Can Bluebirds Count?" is a wonderful, inspiring and very helpful story. Thanks for printing it . . . .

We especially enjoy studying and using Hank's Gardening Guide. It's so helpful to be guided to do things right by someone that knows all about what they write . . . .

It's wonderful to have electricity in our home and we appreciate it—and our Crescent Electrical Company (EMC). Let us all work together (honestly and decently) for the good of all members, crew workers and cooperate in helpful words and ways.

Thank you all again for *Carolina Country* magazine, which we have been receiving for years of pleasurable, informational and helpful readings.

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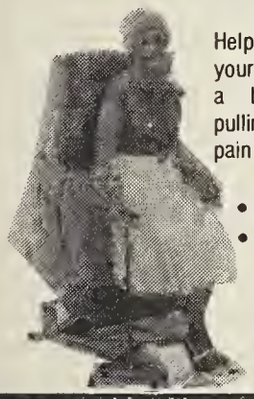

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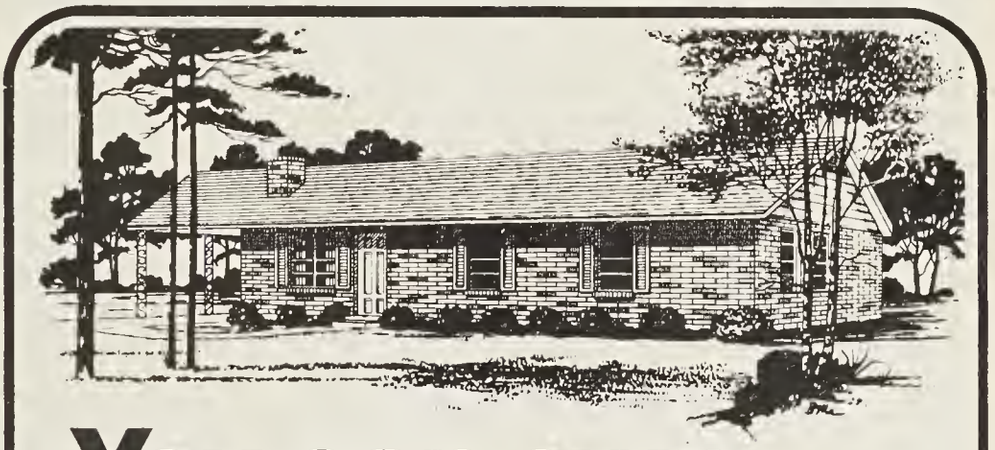

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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

A cold April
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April means outdoor gardening pleasures are at an all-time high. Stay alert for insect pests that may play havoc with tender new growth as the weather becomes warmer. If plants can withstand the pressure, reduce the number of insects with strong spray from the garden hose. Otherwise, you'll need to apply one of the chemical insect sprays available at all garden supply stores.

Roses

It's safest not to plant dormant roses after April Fool's Day. Potted plants may be planted until May 15. Mulch heavily. It's advisable to cover potted roses with a large cardboard box or market basket for a week or so after planting. This protects the plant from drying out.

Dahlias

An important April project is to bring the dahlia tubers out of storage and heel them out to start sprouting. Choose a well-drained spot, preferably in partial shade. Cover tubers with sawdust or peat moss and leave undisturbed until sprouts show. Keep tubers moist but not wet.

Dahlias that were left in the ground over winter should be lifted to slow down sprouting. Dig the clumps, leaving soil attached to tubers. Store in a dry place until May. Late-planted dahlias give much better autumn blooms.

Prepare soil for planting dahlias by applying superphosphate and potash, and plenty of humus. Secure stakes to be used in supporting the tall varieties. Stakes should be at least six feet tall.

Check Plants For Freeze Damage

It's wisest not to rush out and cut down all your broadleaf evergreens that dropped their leaves as a result of subfreezing temperatures last winter. Many plants such as Nandina, Azalea, Camellia, the Ligustrum group, Pyracantha and Gardenia may have lost all or part of their leaves. But this may be the only damage done. The full extent of damage will not be apparent until new growth begins. Wait until then to prune out the dead branches.

Azaleas and Camellias sometimes can be saved if damage due to split bark is caught early enough. Check stems on the south side of the plants, especially near the ground. If bark is cracked, cover the splits with grafting wax or an asphalt-base wound dressing. This will prevent drying and peeling of bark and may save the plant if bark is killed on only one side.

Cold-damaged plants will need extra care during spring and summer. Give particular attention to watering, mulching, fertilizing and insect and disease control.

Lettuce: Good Crop For Cool Weather

Lettuce is best when grown quickly in cool weather before the heat of summer arrives. Leafy varieties are more heat resistant than varieties that head.

As soon as soil is workable, sow seed. Your nurseryman can recommend varieties that will grow best in your area. Lettuce grows best in rich soil. Mix in half of a pound of 8-8-8 fertilizer per 10-foot row. When plants are one to two inches high, side-dress with a high-nitrogen fertilizer to encourage rapid growth.

As soil warms up, mulch the young plants to keep the roots cool and moist. Thin plants as necessary to keep them from becoming too crowded and to shade plants from afternoon sun.

Keep A Record

Plan to keep a record of your flowers and vegetables this year. Note those flowers that bloom each week in the garden; the earliest period that vegetables are ready for harvest.

Next winter, as you plan your new garden, you'll make good use of such a record.

Feeding Trees And Shrubs

Now's an excellent time to feed trees and shrubs. By taking care of this task now, you may reap benefits from your plants during months to come.

Trees: Deep-feeding gives best results. Surface feeding often is consumed chiefly by grasses; sometimes tends to bring tree roots to the surface where they may be damaged later by intense heat of summer. Fertilize trees by making a series of 1 1/2-inch diameter holes, 8-10 inches deep. Begin holes about three to four feet from the trunk and extend them just beyond the spread of the branches. Use one to one and one-half pounds complete fertilizer (such as 8-8-8) per year of age of tree.

Shrubs: Most shrubs respond well to a general feeding of one-fourth of a pound (about half of a cup) of balanced plant food per square yard of area covered by plant. Do not permit fertilizer to touch stems of plants. Distribute fertilizer evenly. If there is heavy mulch around shrubs, or soil is

badly packed, cultivate well.

Azaleas and Camellias respond well to two or three light feedings of a balanced food. Special Azalea-Camellia mix often is used.

Apply fertilizer as blooms begin to fade.

Don't Rush—But Don't Delay

Of course, you want to get your garden started just as soon as you can—but, you will lose rather than gain if you start the basic operation of digging before the soil is ready. After the frost is finally out, there will be a period—extending from a few days to as much as a couple of weeks, according to weather conditions and soil type—before the ground should be turned.

The time-honored test to determine when digging may be begun is to turn over a forkful and squeeze a handful of the freshly dug earth. If it crumbles apart readily, the soil may be dug or plowed. On the contrary, if water oozes out between your fingers, and the compressed ball remains a wet soggy mass, then the garden should be left undisturbed for a while longer.

Large Shrubs—Small Trees

If you have the problem of large over-grown shrubs at the corners of your home, you may want to try your hand at creating small trees from some of these plants.

Large specimens of Hollies, Cherry Laurels, Crepe Myrtles, Ligustrums and Privets, and Photinias (Red-tips), can be trained to a single trunk and handled in the landscape as small trees. Or, they may be encouraged to grow as a multi-trunk clump type tree. By such pruning, remove all growth except the trunks selected to form the tree. Such a plant often adds much interest to the landscape.

Sun-vs.-Shade

For bedding plants to be grown in bright, sunny areas try: Petunia, Portulaca, Zinnia, Marigold, Salvia and Celosia. For shady areas use: Coleus, Impatens (Sultana), Begonia, and Caladium. Caladiums should not be planted until the soil is warm and night temperature remains above 55 degrees.

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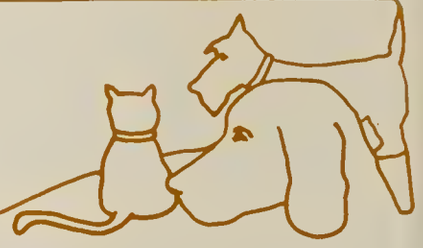

Feline Leukemia: No Link To Human Disease

This is the second in a series of columns about animal health and care, featuring interviews with faculty of the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Mecicine

Three common misconceptions circulate about cats—they have nine lives, land on their feet when dropped from high places, and they transmit feline leukemia to human beings.

"A surprising number of cat owners who laugh at the old myths about felines are grossly misinformed about feline leukemia, a viral disease which infects more than a million animals in the United States today," said Dr. Richard B. Ford, associate professor of medicine at the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

"Feline leukemia is a viral disease which infects more than a million animals in the United States today"

Feline leukemia is a complex debilitating disease in cats, but it is not like human leukemia at all, he said. Human leukemia is a disease characterized by a proliferation of white blood cells.

"This form can appear in cats but it's relatively uncommon," he said.

"We get a surprising number of phone calls from cat owners who are afraid of catching leukemia from their infected cats," Ford said. "At this time there is no correlation between prevalence of feline leukemia and the human form of the disease."

Ford described feline leukemia as a viral disease which often causes severe anemia, solid tumors and a suppression of the immune system, which may eventually lead to death.

According to the NCSU veterinarian, the disease has become so widespread, it has affected some 40 percent of pet cats in Boston.

Cats can transmit the disease to one another through their saliva, urine and blood, but under normal conditions it can't be passed to a dog, he said.

Some cats get the disease and develop an immunity to it. However, these animals may still be capable of infecting other cats.

At this time there is no cure or vaccine for the virus, Ford says. Because of this, cat owners should help to prevent the disease by discouraging contact with other cats.

Also he said new cats, including kittens, should be checked for the disease by a veterinarian before they are introduced into the environment of another cat.

If the queen or mother cat is infected with feline leukemia, chances are the kittens will be born with the disease. Before accepting a new kitten, it is wise to ask if the mother has been tested, he said.

"We are extremely concerned about feline leukemia and investigators here are gearing up to delve further into the mechanism of the disease," Ford said. "Our hopes are that this research will lead to the discovery of methods to prevent the infection."

On Vote Of 283-11

Co-op Financing Measure Clears House

The U.S. House of Representatives has overwhelmingly approved a plan to preserve a major source of financing for rural electric cooperatives.

The 283 to 111 vote overcame opposition from the White House, which has threatened a veto, to pass the bill that would keep the Rural Electrification Administration's Revolving Fund from running out of money sometime around the turn of the century.

During nearly five hours of debate, the House defeated attempts to gut the legislation and to send it back to committee. Opponents termed the bill a "budget buster" and charged that it would not keep the fund from going out of business. Supporters called the measure a "sound compromise" that would keep rates for rural utilities from rising unreasonably.

"This will help moderate electric rate increases being faced by rural electric consumers," said Rep. William Clinger (R-Penn.). As a result, he said, "It will also help moderate the price of vegetables, meat and milk for the consumers in cities and towns far away from rural electric cooperatives."

The Senate was scheduled to begin hearings on a similar bill in late March.

"Supporters called the measure a "sound compromise" that would keep rates for rural utilities from rising unreasonably"

The REA Revolving Fund is a government account that is used to make loans to rural electric and telephone co-ops, so they can expand and improve power lines and related facilities. The fund is essentially self-contained, replenishing itself through loan repayments. Without the fund, co-ops would be forced to pay much higher interest rates to private lenders.

Rural power bills are already higher than those of neighboring urban utilities in most cases, because of the higher costs and lower revenues involved in serving sparsely settled areas.

Currently the REA, an agency of the Agriculture Department, approves about $850 million a year worth of loans from the Revolving Fund.

The Rural Electrification and Telephone Revolving Fund Self-Sufficiency Act of 1983 would allow increases in the interest rates on Revolving Fund loans in order to balance interest income with interest expense. The other major provision would keep the original $7.9 billion worth of assets in the fund, rather than repaying them to the U.S. Treasury beginning in 1993, as called for under current law.

The legislation became necessary after the strong rural growth and high interest rates of the 1970s put unexpected demands on the Revolving Fund. Without a change, the fund would go bankrupt sometime after the year 2000.

The chief foe of the bill was Rep. Edwin Bethune (R-Ark.), who offered an amendment that would raise interest rates higher than the bill called for, and would delete the provision to retain the $7.9 billion. The House rejected that substitute and then turned back Bethune's attempt to return the bill to the Agriculture Committee.

Rep. Ed Jones (D-Tenn.), chief sponsor of the bill, said it was the "best solution" and resulted from "two years of extensive analysis and debate . . . here in Congress and throughout rural America."

Rep. Harold Rogers (R-Ky.), termed the bill "a sound compromise" that would help prevent further rate increases.

"It's rare for any group to come before this body and ask for a long-term increase in interest rates," said Rogers, "but that's what we have here."

Bill Draws Support From The Entire Tar Heel Congressional Delegation

The recorded votes don't show it, but the House-passed bill to revamp the rural electric program's revolving fund emerged from that chamber with the support of the entire North Carolina delegation.

Nine of the Tar Heel congressmen were on the floor of the House and voted for the measure. They included Ninth District Rep. James G. Martin, who had voted earlier to recommit the bill to committee.

However, they did not include two of the bill's co-sponsors: Sixth District Rep. Robin Britt and Eighth District Rep. William G. Hefner. Neither was present for the vote.

Rep. Hefner, who was hospitalized due to illness at the time of the vote, was paired in favor of the measure, but on final passage there were insufficient requests for pairs to record his position.

Rep. Britt supported the rural electric co-op's position by voting against a motion to recommit the bill to committee.

After casting that vote, he left the chamber and returned 15 minutes later—after the final vote was already in.

Taking A Stand

Congressional, Senatorial candidates stake themselves out on rural electric financing.

In preparing the election coverage in this issue of *Carolina Country*, the magazine staff asked candidates for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives who face primary opposition to outline their views on a proposal for shoring up the rural electric program's financing mechanism.

Since then, the House has adopted the measure—H.R. 3050—by a vote of 283-111, with the support of all incumbent members of the Tar Heel congressional delegation. (See story, page 25 for details.)

The Senate version of that bill—S.1300—is still pending.

The candidates' response are reproduced on these pages.

U.S. Senate

Democrat

Thomas (Tom) Allred

I am campaigning for greatly expanded production of U.S. energy needs through development of hydroelectric, conventional nuclear fission plants and soon nuclear fusion plants. I support any legislation that promotes the structure and growth of electric utilities and cooperatives. I would also promote the establishment of a National Bank, as Alexander Hamilton did. This system would be better suited for providing loans at low interest to necessary and productive segments of the American economy.

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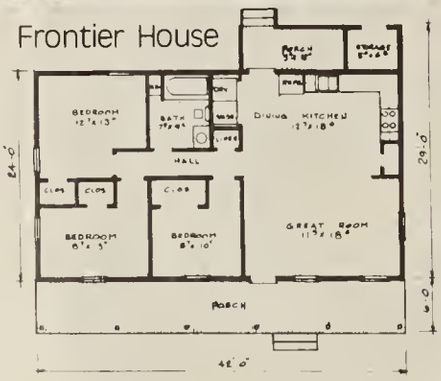

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I would like to also say that I have been a customer of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Forest City for 26 years. I hope the good service I have received is indicative of the REA programs throughout the nation.

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

I strongly support H.R. 3050 and S. 1300.

North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations have long been a positive force in rural development in North Carolina. The reliable and affordable electric service your organizations have provided have played an important role in attracting the more than $5 billion worth of industrial investments that have come to our state's rural areas since 1978.

If rural North Carolina is to continue to grow and prosper, we must preserve the financial integrity of our rural electric cooperatives and the federal financing mechanisms that support them. H.R. 3050 and S. 1300 would assure the future solvency of the Rural Electrification Administration's Revolving Fund and lend firm stability to our country's rural electric cooperatives.

I call on the Senate Agriculture Committee to approve the Rural Electric and Telephone Revolving Fund Self-Sufficiency Act in a timely manner and work for its passage in the full Senate.

U.S. House of Representatives

First District

Democrat

John B. Gilliam of Windsor did not respond.

Rep. Walter B. Jones

You asked about a bill currently pending before the House of Representatives, H.R. 3050, a bill which would revamp the Rural Electrification Administration Revolving Fund. I strongly support this legislation, and was one of the original co-sponsors of this legislation. Throughout my career in public service, I have been impressed with the progress which has been made in rural areas due in large part to the availability of electricity provided by electric cooperatives.

I feel that H.R. 3050 is a necessary and proper step toward insuring that the Revolving Fund will continue to serve rural electric cooperatives. The bill is currently scheduled for consideration by the full House of Representatives in the near future, and I will do my best to see that it is passed by the Congress.

Republican

George Wimbish of Charlotte did not respond.

U.S. Senator Jesse Helms

I have always supported a strong rural electric and telephone program and I will continue to do so. Congress must resolve the problems which exist in the REA revolving fund which S. 1300 addresses and I pledge my support in this effort.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, I am charged with the responsibility to ensure that this legislation receives a fair and impartial hearing. This effort will include consideration of other proposals designed to provide for the solvency of the revolving fund.

If, after my committee holds comprehensive hearings, it is determined that certain modifications are necessary in S. 1300 to accomplish our goal of providing a financially sound and fiscally responsible REA lending program for the foreseeable future, I will support those changes. Indeed, amendments to the House version of S. 1300 were accepted both during committee consideration and during debate on the House floor.

As the first North Carolinian in over 150 years serving as the chairman of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, I am in a unique position to ensure that our state's rural electric and telephone consumers will continue to enjoy a stable and affordable source of funding for these essential services.

During Congressional action on S. 1300 this year, my responsibility is to provide the environment where the most thoughtful legislation will be enacted. Rural citizens of North Carolina can be assured that I intend to represent their interests in our effort to provide for strong and financially secure electric and telephone programs.

Republican

Herbert W. Lee of Greenville and **Gene Leggett** of Emerald Isle did not respond.

Second District

Democrat

Kenneth B. Spaulding of Durham did not respond.

Rep. I. T. (Tim) Valentine

In answer to your question regarding H.R. 3050: Yes, I strongly believe this legislation should be passed. That's why I co-sponsored this bill last year and why I voted for it on March 1, 1984. It is essential that rural Americans continue to have access to the electric power they need in the 1990's just as they do today.

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Taking A Stand

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Fourth District

Democrat

Howard Lee

If elected, I would support H.R. 3050 because I believe it offers the most fair and equitable solution and will strengthen the Revolving Fund.

John Winters, Jr.

In answer to your question regarding H.R. 3050, I must say that I would have no problem supporting this legislation, primarily because of the prior record of success. As I understand it, the default rate has been low and the only major problem has been that demand for funds have exceeded supply. Additionally the fact that ten of the state's congressmen co-signed the bill leads me to believe that it is good legislation.

Rep. Ike Andrews

I am pleased to advise that the House passed H.R. 3050, the Rural Electrification and Telephone Revolving Fund Self-Sufficiency Act of 1983, on March 1. I voted for the bill as reported by the Agriculture Committee and in opposition to crippling amendments to it.

This important legislation would amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to insure the continued financial integrity of the Rural Electrification and Telephone Revolving Fund. Nationwide, REA has been financing electric service to rural areas since 1936 and telephone service since 1949.

From all accounts received by me, the program has been highly successsful and cost efficient. I am committed to the continued financial well-being of REA, an agency which has vastly improved the quality of life in our nation's rural areas and in many parts of North Carolina.

Fifth District

Democrat

Wallace E. Ray of Winston-Salem did not respond.

Rep. Stephen Neal

I have long been a supporter of REA and I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 3050, which has passed the House. Indeed, the bill had about 178 co-sponsors and we successfully fended off several crippling amendments. I understand that the measure is now scheduled for hearings in the Senate Agriculture Committee and that the administration opposes this bill.

Sixth District

Republican

Howard Coble

I do indeed believe that H.R. 3050, revamping the Rural Electrification Administration Revolving Fund which provides loans to electric distribution cooperatives throughout the country, should be adopted.

The Rural Electrification Administration has provided beneficial service to rural areas in the past and I believe this legislation will enable the cooperatives to continue to ensure that rural Americans receive adequate electric and telephone service.

Walt Cockerham

Do you think this legislation should be adopted? YES.

Why do you feel as you do about it? Rural electric cooperatives have a long established program for furnishing power that major electric companies did not serve due to profitability. The continued support and assistance by the federal loan program is necessary.

Seventh District

Democrat

Tommie Dial of Pembroke did not respond.

Rep. Charles Rose

I am most pleased to say that I gave my strongest support to H.R. 3050, the Rural Electrification Administration Revolving Fund, which passed the House of Representatives on March 1. This bill is a good example of bi-partisan cooperation in enacting essential legislation.

Particularly in our state of North Carolina, continued telephone and electric service to our farm residents is a most important priority. The REA Revolving Fund legislation is a carefully crafted balance between responsible fiscal policy and the need to protect our rural citizens' right to basic utilities.

I applaud the rural electric and telephone cooperatives for having the foresight to restructure the revolving fund before—rather than after—a fiscal crisis, and I look

forward to working with the cooperatives in the future to continue the Rural Electrification Administration Revolving Fund's solvency.

Eighth District

Democrat

Leonard T. Tyson of Rockingham did not respond.

Rep. W. G. (Bill) Hefner

During the past three and one-half years of my membership on the House Budget Committee, I have successfully worked to retain the important REA loan program which the Administration has sought to eliminate. The program continues to be under attack but I believe the Rural Electrification Administration is vital to the continued development and well-being of rural America.

Recently I co-sponsored H.R. 3050, which addresses the financial problems of REA and which will assure the financial viability of the REA loan program so that rural America will continue to have access to efficient and reasonable cost telephone and electric service. This legislation passed the House on March 1, by an overwhelming vote of 283 to 111.

Unfortunately, I was unable to be present for the vote because of an illness. I requested that a pair be arranged indicating my support for the bill. This was accomplished on the Bethune Substitute, and I was recorded as opposing this substitute which would have been harmful to REA. On final passage, however, there were insufficient requests for pairs to record my support for H.R. 3050.

The measure is now pending in the Senate, and I will continue to do whatever I can to see that it is finally enacted into public law.

Ninth District

Democrat

Susan Green

I support H.R. 3050. It will help keep the cost of electricity and telephone service to consumers in rural areas roughly comparable to the cost to urban consumers. The REA has provided invaluable aid to rural communities in financing their utilities. It makes sense to take steps now to insure the Revolving Fund's solvency rather than waiting for a crisis to mandate action.

D. G. Martin

I am sympathetic to the goals of rural electrification. However, I cannot make a firm statement concerning H.R. 3050 and S. 1300 without further study.

Benjamin Tyson

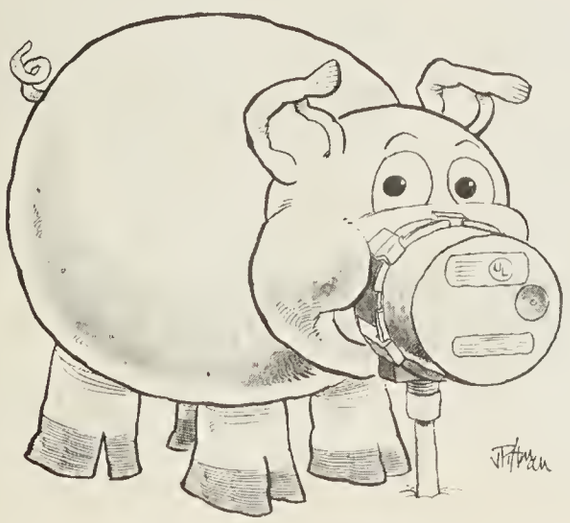
I think H.R. 3050 or S. 1300 certainly deserves favorable consideration. I think I've seen in the past the difficulty in getting electric service to the rural areas of the country. This kind of support is needed to make sure that the cost of the service to the rural areas of the country are not out of line with those served by the larger urban utilities. It would be my intention to see that the rural people of this district are able to get their electric service at a cost comparable to that incurred by their urban neighbors.

Republican

J. Alex McMillan of Charlotte did not respond.

Carl J. Horn, Jr.

As far as your questions go, I do not have enough information about H.R. 3050 and S. 1300 to give an intelligent answer.



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WASHINGTON SCENE

Truman: A Plain-Speaking Missourian Who Left His Mark On The Nation

It was a balmy April, 1945, and Franklin Roosevelt, who had been President of the United States longer than any other man, was dead in Georgia.

In Washington, a gray-haired man from Missouri, heard the news from the White House and said later he felt as if the moon and the planets had fallen on him.

The man was, of course, Harry S. Truman, formerly a senator from Missouri, and the third vice president who served with FDR. On that April day, he became the new President of the nation.

The country didn't know him very well.

As a public figure, he could hardly have differed from Roosevelt more.

The aristocratic Roosevelt looked like a national leader; Truman more like a small town lawyer or banker.

Roosevelt mesmerized the nation when he spoke on radio in his calm, dulcet tones; Truman spoke with the tangy accent of the Midwest.

Roosevelt seemed magisterial; Truman looked like the next door neighbor.

On Capitol Hill, where Truman had served nine years in the Senate, there was conjecture as to how the new President would handle the White House job.

Many thought that he would not push for social changes and reforms as hard as FDR had, as the latter sought to lead the country out of the worst economic depression in its history. Roosevelt had brought revolutionary ideas—programs which had brought security to the elderly, electric lights to farmers and jobs to the unemployed.

Those who thought the new President would abandon the objectives of the New Deal were wrong. Truman confided to friends that he considered it his duty to carry out the things Roosevelt had started and he never wavered.

Early during his White House tenure, Truman came out strongly for public power, antagonizing utilities companies that had fought the creation of the rural electrification program when FDR signed it into law in 1933.

When Truman became President, the Rural Electrification Administration was an established fact. Started as a 10-year program, Roosevelt made it permanent in 1944, the year before he died.

In addition to his public statement of support of the agency, Truman picked the strangest possible person he could find to be its head: Claude Wickard, who had served in the Roosevelt cabinet as Secretary of Agriculture, but who had grown tired of the cabinet post and asked to be relieved.

Truman was surprised that Wickard would take the REA post, but was "glad to give it to him because I knew he should do it."

So REA, which got its start with the formation of the first cooperative in Alcorn County, Missouri, began to spread across the nation as other co-ops were organized.

Truman not only supported public power and carried on the program that FDR had begun, he expanded it. In 1949, after he had been elected for a full term, he supported legislation that brought telephone service to rural areas.

Had he lived, Harry Truman would have been 100 years old on May 8. He died in 1972 in his home town in Missouri, and in his obituary notices he was best remembered as the American President who ordered the use of the atomic bomb.

He used the bomb, of course, to end World War II, but to many this action remains a cruel and unfeeling action. As the years have passed, however, the scrappy, plain-talking Missourian has gained in stature and is remembered as one of the nation's better chief executives.

He never ducked a fight and he met every issue head-on.

One anecdote reveals much about Harry Truman's character and reputation.

In the election year of 1948, there was a general belief in the nation that Truman was in political trouble and would lose to Thomas Dewey, the New York Republican.

Truman had a lot working against him.

To win, Truman had to keep the support of the coalition that FDR had put together and which had elected him in four straight national ballots. Those included the blacks, the Jews, the elderly and labor. Many thought Truman couldn't do it.

Many of those who had been close to Roosevelt simply couldn't get used to the idea of Harry Truman taking Roosevelt's place in the office.

Henry Wallace, who had served as vice president in FDR's third term, left the Democratic Party and announced he would head a third

President Harry S. Truman not only supported the electric cooperative movement begun by FDR, he worked to expand it. Here, he hands out the pens he used to sign legislation in 1949 extending the Rural Electrification Act to include telephone service. Among those witnessing the signing were, left to right, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan; Tom Duncan, American Federation of Labor; Clyde T. Ellis, executive manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA); Clark T. McWhorter, president of NRECA and REA Administrator Claude R. Wickard.

party—the Progressives.

Two of Roosevelt's sons were touring the country trying to drum up support to draft General Dwight Eisenhower as the Democratic candidate.

Then, at the national party convention, a young politician from Minnesota—with the support of Truman—succeeded in placing a strong civil rights plank in the Democratic platform. A group of Southern delegates walked out of the convention in protest and then formed a States Rights party, selecting Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina as their candidate.

During the campaign, a reporter asked Thurmond why he and his friends had walked out.

"After all," the reporter said, "Roosevelt always advocated civil rights and you didn't bolt the party."

"Yes," Thurmond said, "but Truman means it."

During the 88 years he lived, Harry Truman spent less than 20 of them in Washington. But he left his mark.

Say Goodbye To Payment-In-Kind

Say goodbye to PIK.

The payment-in-kind program, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered farmers last year to give grain, corn and cotton to those who took acreage out of production, won't be back this spring.

This year, observers say it's back to full production, as farmers seek to take advantage of what they hope will be higher prices.

PIK, of course, was designed to reduce surplus stocks of corn, cotton and wheat—and those stocks are down. Only wheat stocks remain high, according to USDA reports.

Government officials say PIK worked and did what it was supposed to do, although the $12 billion it cost was more than they had predicted.

Critics, mostly Democrats, disagree. They point to the high cost and question whether the government got its money's worth, since last summer's severe drought practically wiped out half the crops in many areas.

Like so many other Washington-based efforts, PIK had its problems.

Recently, several large California farmers applied for help from the federal government to drain water from several thousands of acres that had been covered by 1983 spring thaws of snow from nearby mountains.

It was when this application was received that it was learned that those acres, which couldn't have been planted in any case because they were under water, had been placed in PIK and that the owners had received $5 million for not planting them.

Most people agreed, however, that the request for help in draining the land after collecting the PIK money, was a new high in nerve, even for Washington.

On May 8 Ballot

Farm Financing Amendment Gains Support

A total of 27 organizations have pledged their support for an amendment to the North Carolina constitution to permit the sale of revenue bonds to finance capital growth in agriculture.

See related editorial, page 3.

The organizations, representing farm commodity groups and others involved in the state's agricultural community, are calling on Tar Heel voters to endorse the amendment in the May 8 primary election.

The amendment would clear the way for the General Assembly to establish the North Carolina Agricultural Financing Agency to work with lending institutions across the state, making loans to farmers and farmer-owned cooperatives for capital projects.

If the measure is approved by the voters, up to $200 million would be made available to lenders for distribution under strict guidelines established by the Agricultural Financing Agency.

Farmers would be eligible for loans up to $500,000 at any one time, and farmer-owned cooperatives would be eligible for credit up to $2 million. None of the money from these funds could be used for operating capital.

"If the measure is approved by the voters, up to $200 million would be made available to lenders for distribution under strict guidelines established by the N.C. Agricultural Financing Agency"

Interest received on loans to farmers would be used to pay back the bonds, and at no time would the taxpayers of the state be liable for payback of the bonds.

The organizations that are supporting passage of the amendment are:

American Dairy Association of NC; Carolinas Farm and Power Equipment Dealers Association; Cooperative Council of NC; NC Agribusiness Council; NC Apple Growers Assn.; NC Association of Electric Cooperatives; NC Cattlemen's Assn.; NC Corn Growers Assn.; NC Crop Improvement Assn.; NC Dairy Products Assn.; NC Egg Marketing Assn. and the NC Farm Bureau Federation.

Other supporting organizations also include: NC Food Dealers Assn.; NC Meat Packers Assn.; NC Peanut Growers Assn.; NC Pickle Packers Assn.; NC Pork Producers Assn.; NC Potato Assn.; NC Poultry Federation; NC Seedsmen Assn.; NC Soybean Producers Assn.; NC State Grange; NC Yam Commission; Pesticide Association of NC; Plant Food Association of NC; Tobacco Associates and Tobacco Growers Association of NC.

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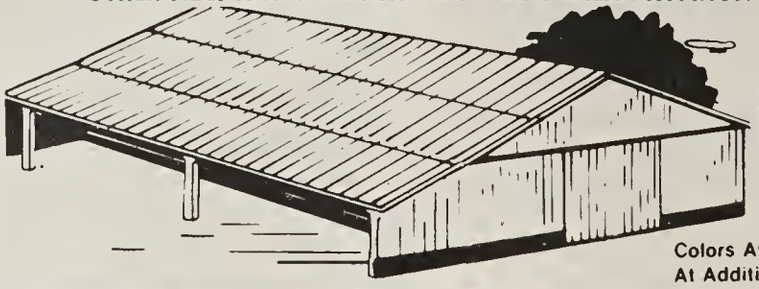

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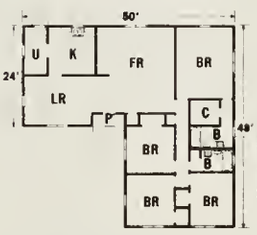

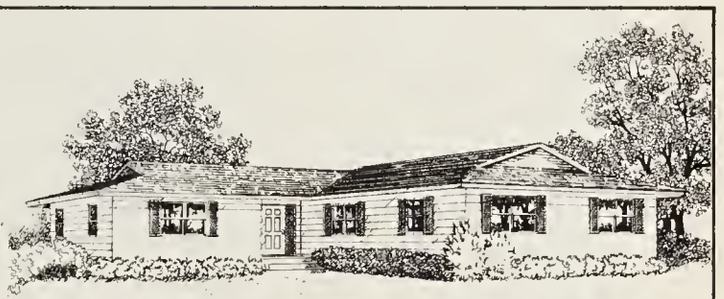

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This oil-on-masonite painting by Robert Graham of Greensboro is one of 110 works to be featured in the 1984 North Carolina Artists Exhibition at the N.C. Museum of Art. The painting is titled, "The Pond IV."

Exhibit Spotlights Tar Heel Artists

Works by 105 North Carolina artists have been selected for the 1984 North Carolina Artists Exhibition at the N.C. Museum of Art in Raleigh.

The juried exhibition, scheduled April 28-June 3, is designed to provide a showcase for new developments among North Carolina artists.

The 110 works in the exhibition have been chosen from approximately 1,500 entries by Howard N. Fox, associate curator for exhibitions at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

More than 800 North Carolina artists submitted works for the exhibition, which includes painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, ceramics, metalwork, weaving, video and film.

The works have all been executed within the past three years.

This will be the 43rd showing of the exhibition, which had its beginnings in a statewide non-juried exhibition sponsored by the North Carolina Art Society in 1937. Held annually through 1980, the show was suspended for three years while the museum gradually closed the galleries at its former location in downtown Raleigh and moved into the new building on Blue Ridge Boulevard.

Now presented as a triennial event, the 1984 edition of the show has been organized under a new format. Formerly selected by a panel of jurors, it now features works chosen by a single guest curator.

Museum Director Dr. Edgar Peters Bowron said the new triennial format was developed by the staff and trustees to confer a new status on the exhibition and expand participation among North Carolina artists.

More than 800 North Carolina artists submitted works for the exhibition, which includes painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, ceramics, metalwork, weaving, video and film

"We believe the new format has already accomplished one of its goals, since the number of entries is the largest ever submitted to the competition," he said. "Moreover, the caliber of the works chosen by Fox appears to validate the premise that a more important exhibition held less often would attract more exciting works."

Organized by Huston Paschal, the museum's assistant curator, the exhibition presents a wide variety of styles in both abstract and figurative art. About two-thirds of the works are two-dimensional—paintings, photographs, drawings and other works on paper. Among the three-dimensional objects, clay, porcelain, metalwork and jewelry are especially well represented. Also included are seven sculptures in neon, wood and aluminum, with one piece to be shown on the museum grounds.

In addition, there will be two installation works created for specific sites in the museum and five works in film and video.

Accompanying the exhibition is a catalogue which illustrates each of the works in the show.

A free gallery talk on the exhibit will be presented by Ms. Paschal on Sunday, May 6 at 1:15 p.m.

The exhibition and related activities are supported in part by funds from the North Carolina Art Society.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. There is no charge for admission. For information, call the museum at (919) 833-1935.

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Black farmers gather for relaxation at a country store in Gordonton, Person County, about 1939. (Southern Historical Collection, Howard Odum Subregional Survey; photo by Dorothea Lange, FSA.)

Glimpses Of The Past

These glimpses of North Carolina's past are but a sample of the many visual materials making up *North Carolina Illustrated—1524-1984*, the first pictorial history of the state.

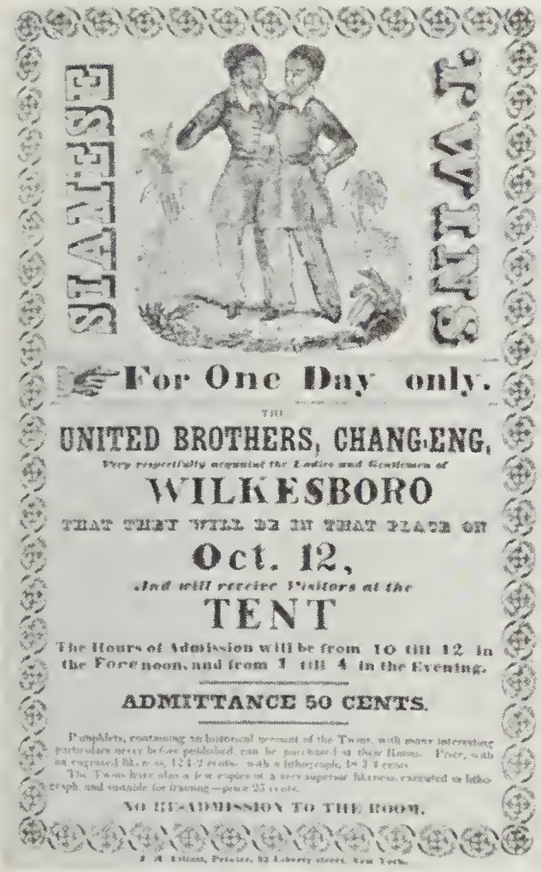
The 428-page volume, published by The University of North Carolina Press, features more than 1,150 pictures, including reproductions of sketches, paintings, photographs, manuscripts, books, newspapers, music, maps, artifacts, broadsides, banners and cartoons.

These materials and the 11 accompanying essays were assembled for the book by H. G. Jones, adjunct professor of history and curator of North Carolina at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A Caswell County native, he served as state archivist for 12 years and was director of the North Carolina Department of Archives and History from 1968 to 1974.

In his preface to the book, Jones describes it as offering "without apology, H. G. Jones's North Carolina, but I hope that others will recognize in the following pages, *their* North Carolina, a state whose collective character—despite occasional aberrations—is epitomized by the motto *Esse Quam Videri*, to be rather than to seem."

Sarah Malinda Pritchard Blalock enlisted in the Confederate Army—Company F, Twenty-sixth North Carolina Troops—on March 20, 1862, as William McKesson (Keith) Blalock. She shared a tent with her husband, who was publicly known as her "brother." When she exhibited an outbreak of poison sumac and was ordered discharged, she revealed her true identity. In this photo made much later, she holds a photo of herself—perhaps in her soldier's uniform. (Southern Historical Collection.)

This David Hunter Strother drawing of the Asylum for the Insane on Dix Hill appeared in Harper's New Monthly Magazine **in July, 1857. (N.C. Department of Archives and History.)**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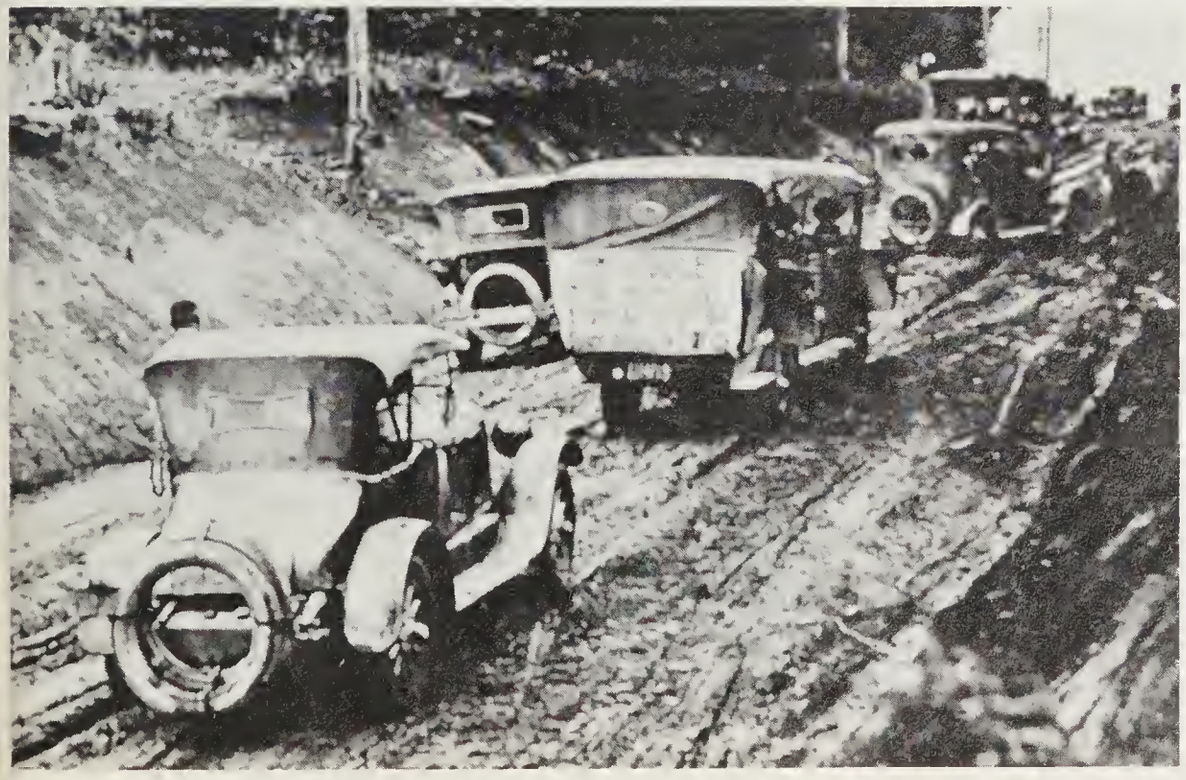
Chang and Eng, attached twins from Siam, were brought to the U.S. for exhibition in circuses. Attached at the breast, they married, respectively, Adelaide and Sarah Ann Yeates, and took the surname of Bunker. They settled in Wilkes County, then in Surry. When they died in 1874, an autopsy showed that separation would have been fatal to the twins. (North Carolina Collection.)



In 1921, a $50 million road bond issue enabled the state to build and maintain nearly 6,000 miles of improved roads, but that effort didn't solve all the road problems. Here in the 1920s on Hendersonville Road near Asheville, a bus vainly struggles to keep its posted schedule. (University of North Carolina Photo Lab, Chapel Hill.)

Behind—The-Scenes: A Round Of Applause

As a couple of letters in Mailbox (Page 20) will attest, we're already getting lots of reader comment about the Heyward H. McKinney piece, "Can Bluebirds Count?" that appeared in our March issue.

Bryan Haislip, an editor with the *Winston-Salem Sentinel*, even called to ask for permission to reprint it.

"I just thought the piece was too good not to share," he said.

McKinney, retired manager of Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation, Wadesboro, used just the right touch in relating his story about the abandoned baby bluebirds.

But I thought it was enhanced quite a bit by the illustrations, which were done by a Statesville artist. She's Rita Rhodes, wife of Maurice (Dusty) Rhodes, manager of member and public relations at Crescent EMC, Statesville.

Her work has appeared on our pages before, notably the kudzu-entangled truck illustration for "The Ballad of Henry Lee" that ran last August.

Her signature was inadvertently dropped from the bird art and we wanted to give her due credit for her fine contribution.

While we're at it, here's another behind-the-scenes-at-*Carolina Country* item involving a different kind of credit: two of our magazine colleagues have recently had some of their camera work appear in national publications.

Frank Jeter Jr., who regularly contributes to our magazine and serves as an ad sales rep for us, saw a photo he shot several years ago pop up in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 1983 *Yearbook of Agriculture*.

The color photo, showing a Christmas tree farm in Ashe County, was taken while he was preparing a story for us when he was public information officer for the Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina. He retired from that job two years ago..

Meanwhile, Contributing Editor Kemp Ward scored with two photos he shot at a seminar on business-media relations in Chapel Hill last fall. *Communication World*, the monthly journal of the International Association of Business Communications, used a black-and-white photo in its December issue and a color shot in its January issue.

Mailbag Potpourri

Here's a potpourri of items from my mailbag that you might find of interest:

- Two nutritionists at the Henderson County Health Department have developed a guide on food and drug interactions that works like a slide rule. By setting the pointer on a given type of medication, the user can find a brief summary of the drugs and foods that might pose problems if taken along with the medication.

Tanis Lyda and Trudi Walend developed the guide after receiving a lot of requests for something along that line, especially from retired people.

For more information about the guide, write to The Wishing Well, Inc., P.O. Box 1527, Brevard, N.C. 28712.

- An author of several books on self-instruction in music has come up with a new concept for learning music that combines books with recorded cassettes. Madonna Woods, a veteran music teacher, has recorded cassettes to illustrate on piano or organ how the music should sound at each step of instruction. Write to Ms. Woods at 6727 Metcalf St., Shawnee Mission, KS 66204, for details

- An outfit based in Cleveland, Ohio, is offering a new concept in calendars, billed as "LaserDays: The First Programmable Calendar."

A news release from the company says the calendars are produced by using electronic laser printing to customize each calendar. Customers list dates and events they want noted and they're printed on the appropriate dates. You can even include the game schedules of your favorite sports teams.

If you're interested, write to Initial Concepts, Inc., P.O. Box 22533-N, Cleveland, Ohio, 44122.

- The Carolina Farm Stewardship Association has published a 64-page songbook as a fund-raising project. The paperback book, titled *Sing The Good Earth: A Farming and Gardening Songbook*, includes familiar popular tunes of the past, children's songs and dancing numbers all featuring the theme of gardening, farming, nature and country life.

Single copies of the songbook are available for $4.50 plus 75 cents for postage with bulk order discounts offered. Send orders to CFSA Songbook, Rt. 1, Box 397, Franklinville, N.C. 27248.

- If you have any interest in panning for gold, a retired engineer in Cocoa Beach, Fla., may be able to help you find some prime North Carolina locations for that sport.

Charles A. Overbey has developed a series of maps showing gold deposits in various Eastern states.

The North Carolina map pinpoints 300 deposit sites in 34 counties.

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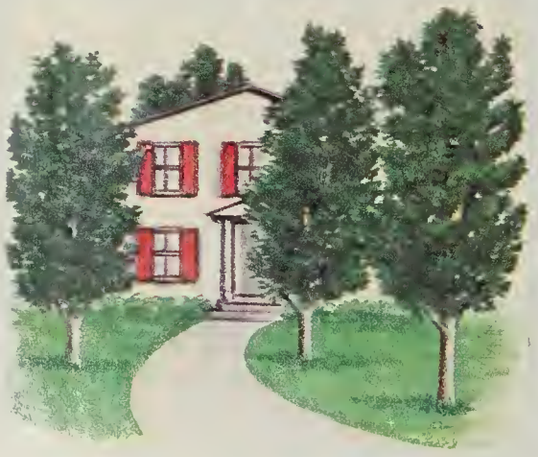

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